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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CRIMINAL CASE NO. 4:17-CR-131-DMB-JMV

ANNETTE LOFTON

V.

PLEA AGREEMENT

The United States Attorney hereby proposes to the Court a plea agreement to be filed in this cause under Rule 11(c) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. Defendant has read and fully understands this plea agreement and approves same, realizing that the plea agreement is subject to acceptance or rejection by the Court. The plea agreement is as follows:

1. <u>GUILTY PLEA</u>: The defendant agrees to plead guilty under oath to Count One of the Indictment, which charges that the defendant, ANNETTE LOFTON, did knowingly and willfully conspire and agree with persons known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to execute a scheme and artifice, affecting interstate commerce, to defraud a health care benefit program, that is, Medicare and Medicaid, and to obtain money and property owned by and under the custody and control of Medicare and Medicaid, by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, in connection with the delivery of and payment for health care benefits, items and services, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1347 and 1349 which carries maximum possible penalties of not more than 10 years imprisonment, not more than 3 years supervised release, not more than \$250,000 fine and a special assessment of \$100 and restitution as appropriate.

- 2. <u>OTHER CHARGES</u>: The United States agrees not to charge the defendant with any other offenses arising from or related to the above charge and agrees to dismiss all other charges in the indictment upon the conclusion of sentencing on Count One.
- 3. <u>RESTITUTION</u>: The defendant understands that the Court may order restitution in accordance with the provisions of 18 U.S.C. Section 3663 for all offenses committed and specifically agrees that restitution is not limited to the count of conviction.
- 4. <u>OTHER AUTHORITIES</u>: This agreement does not bind any prosecuting authority of any state or any other federal district, nor does it bind the Attorney General of the United States with regard to any matter, criminal or civil, involving federal tax laws. Nor does this agreement bind the United States or any of its departments or agencies with regard to any civil or administrative actions or remedies.
- 5. <u>VIOLATIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT</u>: If defendant violates this agreement, all statements made pursuant hereto will be admissible against defendant, who hereby waives the provisions of Rule 11(f) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and Rule 410 of the Federal Rules of Evidence. Defendant may also, in that event, be prosecuted for all federal offenses, including perjury and false statements relating to this plea agreement.
- 6. <u>ACKNOWLEDGMENTS</u>: Apart from being advised of the applicability of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, and other than as set forth elsewhere in the plea documents, no promise or representation whatsoever has been made to defendant as to what punishment the Court might impose if it accepts the plea of guilty. This agreement fully reflects all promises, agreements, and understandings between the defendant and the United States Attorney. The

defendant's agreement is knowing, free, and voluntary, and not the product of force, threat, or coercion. The defendant is pleading guilty because defendant is in fact guilty.

This the 30 day of November

2018

WILLIAM C. LAMAR United States Attorney Mississippi Bar No. 8479

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

APPROVED:

ANNETTE LÖFTON

Defendant

WHITMAN D. MOUNGER Attorney for Defendant

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